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REMARKS

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 1, 5-9, and 12, as cited in the Notice of Allowability mailed November 17, 2004, in which Claims 1 and 5 were amended by the Examiner.

Upon review of the Examiner's amendment, several typographical errors were found in Claim 1 and Claim 5. Specifically, the words "sphingolipid," "phytosphingosine," and "hexanoylphytosphingosine" were misspelled in both Claim 1 and Claim 5. This amendment is being filed to correct these typographical errors. Support for the correct language can be found, for example, in original Claim 4.

The Applicants urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned if any questions remain as to the above-captioned application. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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